

Select Board Meeting July 1 2021 8AM

Attendance: Michael Jeffery, Steve Hall, Lori Langevin, Chrystal Cleary, May Bigelow, Seth Bigelow, Carinthia Grayson, Priscilla Grayson, John Ogden (by phone)

Call to order- 8:06 AM

first Item: the Bigelows and Graysons appeared at the meeting to gauge Selectboard support for re-forming the town Conservation Commission, with the aim of managing and planning for the maintenance and use of the Pitcher Memorial Forest, Evarts Memorial Forest and Leurich Field.

At the moment, the SB has set up for the mowing of Leurich Field on “autopilot” but much more could be done there, especially after the sand shed is built and all the trucks and sand are moved to the new site. With a Conservation Commission, trails can be maintained and events such as trail work days organized, or nature talks, for the two Forests and in this way someone would be attentive to arranging fallen tree removal, connecting with the Forester for thinning or logging as dictated by the existing Forestry Plans, and planning for improvements to the three properties.

The Selectboard encouraged them to gather people who want to serve on the Conservation Commission, form themselves into a body and bring proposals for maintenance/trails/picnic tables etc. the SB can approve, will likely find a supportive response from the Selectboard.

Concern that the Town might sell the land were assuaged- there is no talk of selling any Town Lands, which would be contingent on the restrictions in the deeds at any rate. The Board does feel that Town Land, which is off the tax rolls, should be serving the public and maintained.

Anyone interested in formation of the revitalized Conservation Commission should contact May Bigelow bigelowmay@gmail.com or Carinthia Grayson for now.

Item 2: American Rescue Plan (ARPA) grant money - Landgrove is eligible for about \$8000 of ARPA money, but the eligible uses and time frame to enact them are restrictive. John suggests that getting fiber to the Town Hall might be a good use of the \$8000, and to really boost the public Wifi speed and signal there. Michael reminds us that the long term monthly bill for such service might be greater than the difference in service we experience. Lori will gather info on the eligibility of this type of project and we'll discuss further.

Item 3- Pay orders were signed.

Item 4 - The Community Club formally requests the budgeted \$1800 insurance for the 4th of July Celebration, and the SB approves that expense. Insurance has increased to \$2472.09 If in the future, the insurance payment remains increased the SB would need to approve any new amount requested.

Item 5 - Selectboard meetings at the current two times a month can seem excessive and long, a proposal is to have just one a month during this time of year (recognizing that Jan- March tend to require more frequent meetings to do budgeting and Town Meeting prep, but that other times of the year meetings can be difficult to get quorum or inefficient in pace. The Board voted to plan the next several meetings to fall on July 22, August 12 and 26th.

Item 6- any other business?

Sandbox Project- waiting for the surveyor to get back from vacation to map out the 4 acres.

Hapgood Pond Rd corner guardrails are going in as we speak, Joe Kelley (sign specialist) will be planning the signage. Reeds' driveway has added gravel and any fill available will be used to backfill the grade behind the guardrail. Steve Hall gets a gold star for coordinating all the moving parts to get this fixed!

Lori says that we may have the info from the State to set the tax rate at the next SelectBoard Meeting on July 22nd.

Meeting adjourned 9:03 am